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VIEWPOINT

America Needs A Rural Reawakening

This editorial was written by Bob eragen, a former Administrator of the ural Electrification Administration who now general manager of East River lectric Power Co-op in Madison, S. D.

I do not pretend to believe that life n rural America is the only lifestyle merica should have; I may be a ffersonian, but I am also a realist and now that urban folk live valuable and seful lives, important to the great- ss of the country.

My concern is that we are excising a tal organ from the body politic, its ral base, its rural heritage and doing as if it did not matter to our future.

Aside from the loss of the joys of ral life, I wonder at the national fense consequences of losing the ills of millions of farmers; of the nger of concentrating farm owner- ip and food production into the nds of a few corporate entities ficed in air conditioned buildings pendent upon the fragile infrastruc- e of the city.

I do not believe it is wise; there are ny urban congressmen who do not lieve it is wise, but their numbers dwindling. Of greater concern is t the understanding of these legis- rs is diluted in the face of persis- t corporate imperatives that run to t relief, deregulation and monetary icy.

There is a sense of powerlessness among the rural leadership I am acquainted with; not the powerlessness of not knowing what should be done, but the quandry of where in the dike to first put one's finger.

A rural reawakening will not happen without a national commitment to it; rebuilding or re-creating a new small town America will not happen until the local businessman joins with committed rural organizations (like farm organizations) to change national policy.

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In my opinion, the preservation of the family farm will not come about under the so-called "free market" approach advocated by the present administration, nor will it happen without the understanding and support of the urban worker—yes and his unions.

Water and power projects will not be built for the general public welfare unless those far separated from rural realities, learn the truth about such programs from people who know them.

And saving water projects—and the rural electrification program—will not happen until rural people learn that what is wrong with government is not its rural programs, but that concentrated economic power of private interests exercised through the government by tax laws and defense contracts.

Such power is not abated by policies which weaken government regulation and oversight; in the past the abuses of concentrated economic power have only been controlled through the federal government. We are rapidly abandoning that control.

There is one direction we in rural America can go to begin to regain lost territory on the political landscape. That direction is the formation of a new coalition of populist interests.

The nation's electric cooperatives ought to be reaching out to all kinds of organizations, rural and urban, to find the way for people-based programs and interests to exert a new political reality. But ... the commitment must come from rural people.

There must be a reawakened conviction that our family farming communities are worth saving and that the way to do it is to seek allies where we can.

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COMMENTARY

Recalling The "Bad Old Days"

This editorial by Bryan Haislip is reprinted from the Winston-Salem Journal.

Fifty years ago I chopped and carried wood for the kitchen stove. I cleaned kerosene lamp chimneys with crumpled newspaper. I drew water from the well to drink and wash, as well as for other uses. I went to an outhouse at the back of the garden, rain or shine, winter or summer. Life was that way, on the eastern North Carolina farm where I was a boy.

No one thought it should be any different. The 20th century, with electric lights and indoor plumbing, had arrived in the town two miles away.

In the country, we still lived pretty much as our forefathers in the 19th century. I'm not talking about the good old days. I'm talking about the bad old days of discomfort, inconvenience and hardship. I wouldn't go back to them for anything in the world.

Fifty years ago in the month of May the agency that helped put those times behind us came into being. President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued an executive order creating the federal Rural Electrification Administration. The General Assembly passed an act establishing the North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority.

Cooperatives were formed to take electric power into the countryside where power companies had been unable, or unwilling, to venture. Soon poles were marching down dirt roads, bringing a new way of life to the farm.

In 1935, only 3.2 percent of the farms in this state had electricity. The national figure was only a little better at 10.9 percent. Within 20 years, the situation was just about reversed and only 10 percent of the farms lacked electricity. Today power is available to 98.8 percent of the nation's farms, according to REA figures.

The 28 membership cooperatives in North Carolina serve 1.5 million households. The statistics are impressive. The gains the figures document can be appreciated best by people, like me, who once lived without electricity.

My children, and their generation, are shut off from that experience. Fifteen years or so ago, when they were growing up, an ice storm knocked out power. They thought it was great fun warming by the fireplace, cooking over the coals, using candles for light. "Just like the olden days," my daughter said complacently.

The novelty wore thin the second day. There was no TV to cut on. Cinders got in the baked beans we were eating again. There was no place to get really warm. Fortunately, the lights came on before we started snapping at each other.

The olden days meant summer heat unrelieved by air conditioning. It meant ice cream only on trips to town. It meant a thousand differences, from nuisance to hardship, for farm families.

The REA co-op which served our area was organized in 1936. Its first project, on a loan of $32,000, was 32 miles of line to reach 87 farm consumers. It was completed in Ap 1937.

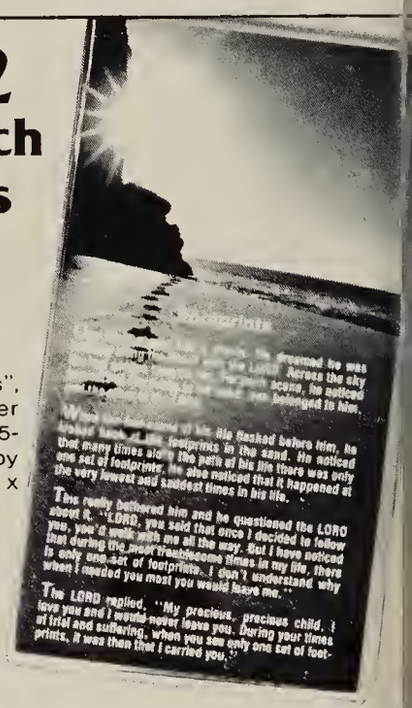
It was a great day, and a greater nig The house blazed with light. Each ro had a bare bulb on a drop cord fr the ceiling. Today you'd think it ma an awful glare. We thought it v wonderful.

That was the start. All the thi electricity made possible for better liv followed in turn. Then, Mother go stove, but kept the old wood bur for a time just in case. Indoor plumb made life more comfortable for whole family.

This generation, accustomed to same conveniences in the country a the city, can hardly appreciate the dif ence REA has made. I remember ar am grateful.

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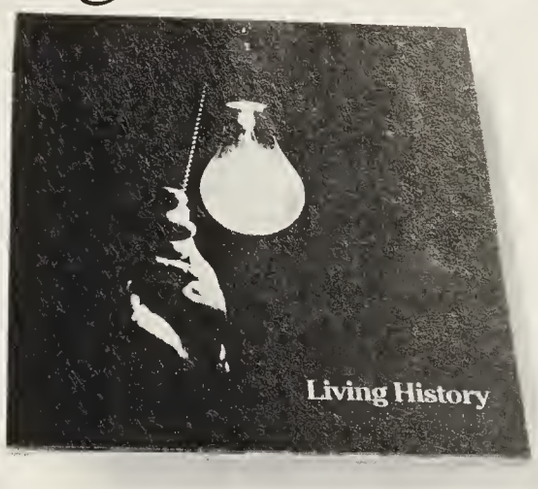
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Conference In Boone To Mark Parkway Anniversary

A special three-day conference has been scheduled at Appalachian State University to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Participants will have an opportunity to hear speakers discussing Parkway history, folklife, recreation, landscape management and the future parkways of America.

Among the speakers will be Jean Muller, one of the central engineers responsible for designing the Linn Cove Viaduct; Stuart Udahl, former Secretary of the U. S. Department of Interior and William Mott, director of the National Park Service.

Scheduled for the final day are a tour of the Linn Cove Viaduct and a trip via the parkway to a Golden Anniversary Celebration at Cumberland Knob on the Virginia-North Carolina state line.

Also planned are photography exhibits and a film festival.

The conference is being sponsored by the Appalachian Consortium, the Blue Ridge Parkway, the American Society of Civil Engineers and the American Society of Landscape Architects.

The pre-registration fee for the conference is $45, with housing to be offered at ASU's Broyhill Center. Deadline for pre-registering is Aug. 22.

For more information, write or call Patti Caulder, Appalachian Consortium, ASU, Boone, N.C. 28608. Phone: (704) 262-2064.

Highlands Planning Harvest Festival

The Highlands Women's Club will sponsor the Third Annual Highlands Own Harvest Festival, Sept. 28 at Highlands Recreation Park.

The event will include local crafts and food booths, country music, entertainment and clogging.

For more information, write to Jacquelyn Leebrick, P.O. Box 1944, Highlands, N.C. 28741.

Public TV Volunteer Gets National Honor

A volunteer with the University of North Carolina Center for Public Television has been presented with the national Elizabeth Campbell Outstanding Public Television Volunteer Award for 1985.

The award went to Margita Salter, a native of Canada who came to North Carolina when her husband began a research project at Duke University.

Mrs. Salter had been a field producer for an Ontario public television station, but could not get a permit to work in the U.S. due to the limitations of her entry permit. As a result, she began working with the Center on a voluntary basis, producing promotional spots for the network.

The award is given annually by National Friends of Public Broadcasting to a volunteer who has demonstrated outstanding leadership, effectiveness and devotion to the causes and philosophy of public television.

REA Loan Awarded To Carteret-Craven EMC

Carteret-Craven Electric Membership Corporation, Morehead City, has been awarded a $2.2 million loan from the Rural Electrification Administration for an expansion project.

The loan will help finance 115 miles of line distributing power to about 2,900 potential consumers. The project will also include construction of a substation and other system improvements.

The REA loan will cover 70 percent of the funding needed for the project, with the remainder being financed through the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation.

Once the project is completed, the EMC will serve about 23,000 consumer-members in Carteret, Craven, Jones and Onslow Counties.

State Zoo, UNC-G Launch Research/Education Program

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro and the North Carolina Zoological Park have entered into a joint program in scientific research and education that is expected to benefit both institutions.

The written agreement between UNC-G and the Zoo says the joint program is designed "to promote matters of mutual interest to the North Carolina Zoological Park and to scientists, educators and students, thereby contributing to the advancement of our understanding about the conservation and well being of the Earth's wildlife."

The program also will serve as a mechanism for the coordination and review of research projects submitted to the Zoo, as well as general educational purposes within the state.

The agreement calls for the appointment of a Research Coordinating Committee (RCC) to govern research activities jointly involving the two institutions. The committee will supervise research activities conducted at the Zoo involving faculty members from UNC-G as well as those from other institutions.

The committee will consist of two members appointed by the chancellor from the faculty of the university and two members representing the Zoo appointed by the Zoo director.

The joint agreement also calls for the establishment of a Board of Scientific Advisors consisting of 20 to 40 individuals representing expertise in various scientific disciplines and various areas of the world. Members of the board are to be appointed by the Governor of North Carolina.

Gov. James Martin already has appointed Dr. Jane Goodall, the world's foremost expert on primate behavior, as the first member of the board.

Members of the board will provide advice on research proposals submitted to the RCC. They will focus

on such areas as the scientific merit of the proposals submitted, the feasibility of the project, the potential for benefit to the Zoological Park and the potential contribution to scientific knowledge.

EMCs Cited For Adopting Equal Opportunity Program

Five North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations have been cited by the Rural Electrification Administration for adopting the agency's suggested equality of opportunity program for electric and telephone cooperatives.

The EMCs cited were South River EMC, Dunn; Jones-Onslow EMC, Jacksonville; Crescent EMC, Statesville; Lumbee River EMC, Red Springs and Edgecombe-Martin County EMC, Tarboro.

Each EMC was presented with a certificate recognizing its board and management for implementing REA's five-point program.

The program calls for co-ops to develop:

- A cooperative education program with educational institutions and provide upward mobility training for all employees.
- A system for identifying members for whom home weatherization would be advantageous and to encourage their participation.
- An equal opportunity program encouraging member participation in the co-op's activities.
- A program providing representation of minority groups and/or women on boards of directors.

Cover Photo By Wayne County Man

This beautiful rose was photographed by James Summerlin of Dudley, a former consumer-member of Tri-County Electric Membership Corporation, Dudley.

Wildlife Festival Scheduled At Currituck High School

The Fourth Annual Currituck Wildlife Festival will be held at Currituck High School in Barco, Sept. 14-15.

The festival will include an art exhibit and duck and goose calling competitions.

For more information, write or call Currituck Wildlife Guild, P.O. Box 91, Shawboro, N.C. 27973.

Gourd Festival Slated In Cary, Sept. 7-8

The 44th Annual Gourd Festival featuring a show of gourds and gourdcraft from around the world is slated for Sept. 7-8 in Cary.

For more information, write or call Betty Ann Rood, Rt. 5, Box 210, Apex, N.C. 27502. Phone: (919) 362-4357.

Retailing Conference Scheduled In Charlotte

"Retailing—The Main Event," is the theme of a statewide business conference scheduled for Oct. 27-29, marking Retailing Week in North Carolina.

The conference, to be held at the Adam's Mark in Charlotte, will feature speakers from the retailing field, seminars, break-out sessions, a trade show and a ceremony naming the First Tar Heel to the Retail Hall of Fame.

For more information about the conference, write to the Center for Management Development, John A. Walker College of Business, Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C. 28608. Phone: (704) 262-4045.

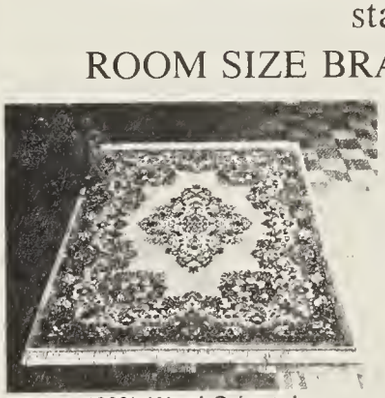
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Heartleaf Plant Endangered

An endangered plant species called small-flowered heartleaf or dwarf ginger will be protected through steps taken by Duke Power Company.

The Charlotte-based utility's subsidiary, Crescent Land & Timber Corp., recently signed an agreement with the state of North Carolina to enter the 25-acre Henson's Creek Ravine in Rutherford County on the official N. C. Registry of Natural Heritage Areas. Henson's Creek Ravine contains one of the largest populations of the species, which is known by the Latin name *Hexastylis naniflora*.

Heartleaf is known to exist in only 16 locations in seven counties in the western Piedmont region of North and South Carolina.

The 25-acre tract is part of Crescent's landholdings along the Broad River.

In an effort to preserve ecologically sensitive areas for future generations, Crescent has also set aside some of the unique ecosystems of the Blue Ridge Escarpment. These include 127 acres of "old growth" hardwoods and white pines in the American Society of Forester's Natural Areas Program and 171 acres of mountain river gorges under the N. C. Department of Natural Resources' Heritage Areas Program.

Perquimans County Sets Indian Summer Festival

Arts, crafts, antiques and street dancing will be featured during the 1985 Perquimans County Indian Summer Festival in Hertford, Sept. 13-14.

For more information, write or call Walter Humphlett, Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 27, Hertford, N.C. 27944. Phone: (919) 426-5657.

Mountain Quilt Show Slated In Clay County

The John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown will present a Mountain Quilt Show, Sept. 1-7, featuring quilts from three southwestern North Carolina counties and two in northeast Georgia.

The judged show is expected to include both modern and antique entries.

The show will be co-sponsored by the school and Misty Mountain Quilters of Hayesville.

For more information, write or call Mrs. W. C. (Betty) Kimball, John C. Campbell Folk School, Brasstown, N.C. 28902. Phone (704) 837-2775.

Nuclear Program Earns Duke Power Company A National Award

Duke Power Company of Charlotte has been awarded a national honor for excellence in completing nuclear construction at low cost and on schedule as well as for its efficient operation of nuclear power plants.

The firm received the Edison Award, which is presented annually to an investor-owned electric utility for "distinguished contributions to the development of the electric light and power industry" for the convenience of the public.

The award is presented by the Edison Electric Institute, a national association of electric companies.

Duke Chairman William S. Lee accepted the award at the institute's annual convention in Denver.

Duke Power was praised for building on its tradition of superior performance in the design, construction and operation of economical, efficient nuclear power plants, particularly at a time when attention was focused on nuclear plant cost overruns, construction problems and licensing delays.

North Carolina's Electric Membership Corporations are partners with Duke in the ownership of the Catawba Nuclear Station in York County, S.C., about 19 miles southwest of Charlotte.

Catawba's Unit 1 went into commercial operation on June 29. Unit 2 is scheduled to go commercial in 1987.

The plant was built by Duke and will be operated by the firm.

Highlights of Duke's nuclear program which were cited during the award presentation are:

- The lowest per-kilowatt cost of any nuclear unit completed in its era—$918 per kilowatt for the McGuire Nuclear Station Unit 1.
- The second highest station capacity factor in the United States at 83 percent for the three-unit Oconee Nuclear Station.
- The overall capacity factor for Duke's nuclear system was 76.3 percent, with the industry average at about 60 percent.
- Duke was one of the first utilities to establish formal training programs for nuclear personnel.
- Duke's do-it-yourself approach to power plant design and construction is unique among the nation's investor-owned electric utilities and is widely credited for keeping costs down and quality high.

In addition, last year Duke launched a positive program to set the public record straight on utility issues.

A bi-partisan Power in Citizenship program conducted by employees, retirees and shareholders involved registering almost 20,000 new voters, providing facts on utility issues and arranging get-out-the-vote activities.

Historic Old "Poor House" Reopens As Youth Camp

The citizens of Halifax County are utting their historic "poor house" ack into service.

But this time it will be in the ervice of youth, not of the aged. It ill be a place of fun and fellowship, ot of loneliness and despair. It will e a place of learning, not just emembering.

After 151 years of use and 16 years f abandonment, the Halifax County lome has reopened as the Halifax ounty 4-H and Youth Day Camp.

Over 25 businesses and civic organations have contributed money and aterials to the project. Citizens rang-g from 4-H'ers to bulldozer operors provided 2,000 hours of free ean-up and fix-up labor in April one.

"I can't get over how people have ome together on this project," said rank Stokes of Halifax, co-chairman f an eight-member citizens advisory oard for the camp.

"This place is part of our heritage d it is going to be a place for our outh that we can be proud of," said B. Barnhill of Scotland Neck, the her co-chairman.

Stokes and Barnhill say that Wanda kes, the Halifax County extension H agent, provided the initial spark r getting the project going.

"I was driving to Halifax one day nen I saw a building through the es that I had never noticed before," rs. Sykes recalled. "When I got ck to the office, I asked Doug illips (a co-worker) what that old ilding was out Highway 903 beyond e prison and he replied, 'That's part the old county home.'"

Mrs. Sykes immediately began think-g of ways the property might be ed for the benefit of county 4-H'ers d other youth.

A big break came when Chairman rry Branch of Enfield invited s. Sykes to present her ideas to the Halifax County Board of Commissioners.

She reminded the commissioners that Halifax County has 13,000 boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 19 and only those living in Roanoke Rapids have access to public recreation. She described how the county home property could be used for workshops, classes, nature trails, soil and water conservation studies, exercise courses, gardening sites and athletic events.

"Some of the commissioners appeared shocked when they realized I was asking for the whole 369 acres," Mrs. Sykes said.

Shocked or not, they approved the plan and later tossed in $5,000 to help with renovations.

Already in place are 48 4-H gardens, a new road and a jogging course.

Stokes believes that at least another year will be needed to get the property in A-1 condition and to develop a full scale program. He is particularly pleased with the interest that senior citizens are showing in the camp.

Dominating the site is a structurally-sound two-story, four-columned, main building that has a kitchen and dining area, two breezeways, an upstairs apartment and dozens of small rooms. The building, erected in the 1920s, is well suited as a resident summer camp for youth.

"What has excited a lot of people is the discovery of so many outbuildings," Mrs. Sykes said. A potato house, wash house, chicken house, smokehouse, pump house and two mule barns have been excavated from the brushes and vines that swallowed the site after the county home was closed in 1969.

The prize discovery, however, is a slab-covered building that appeared insignificant at first. But, beneath the slabs is a log "dog-trot" house estimated to have been built between 1780 and 1790.

Armed with a deed showing that the county opened its first poor house on the site in 1818, local citizens have asked that the property be added to the National Historic Register.

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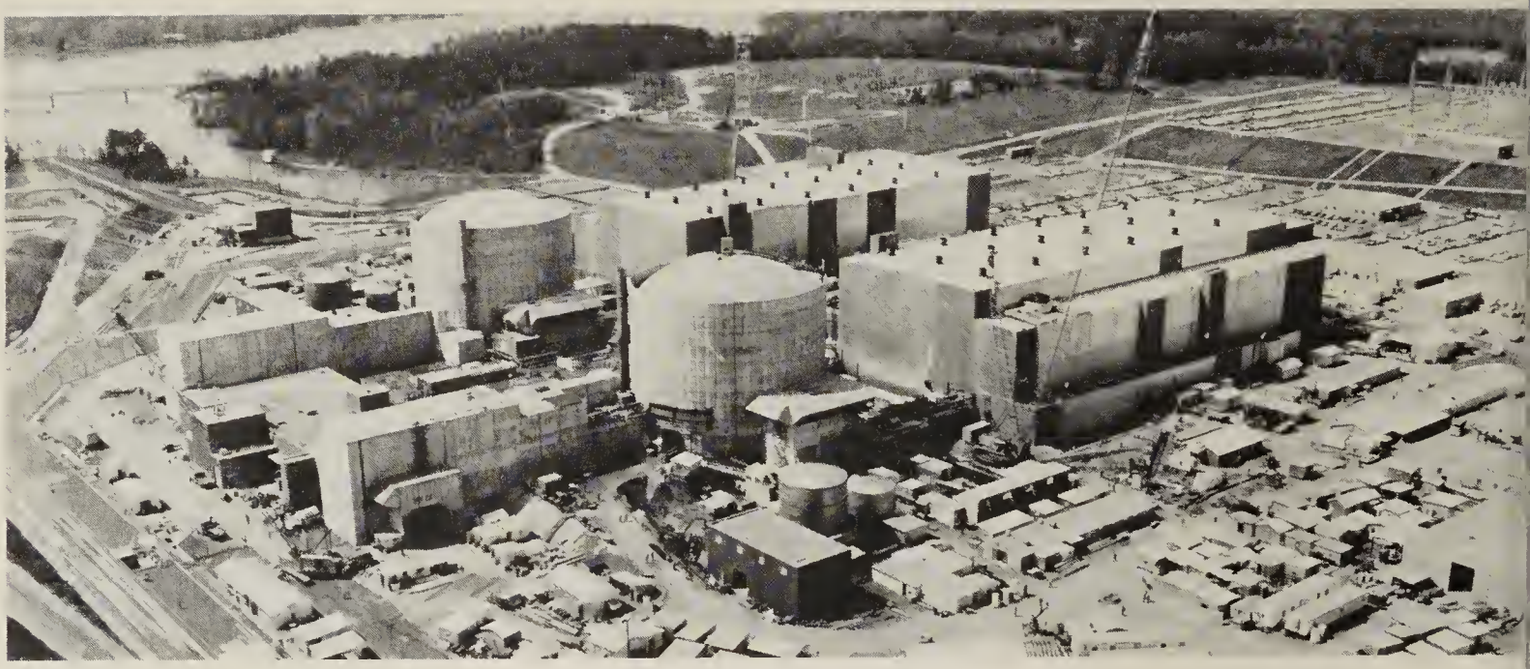
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Catawba Unit 1 Goes Commercial

Unit 1 of the Catawba Nuclear Plant near Charlotte, which is partially owned by North Carolina's Electric Membership Corporations, went into commercial operation on June 29.

"This is an important milestone for the EMCs, Duke Power Co. and the other joint owners of the plant for it means the unit has been fully tested and proven reliable," said Douglas Leary, manager of power supply for N. C. Electric Membership Corporation, the generating and transmission co-op serving the state's EMCs.

In entering commercial operation, the unit had met federal requirements of having operated for 100 continuous hours at a level of 99 percent or more of its licensed reactor power output, Leary said.

"That point was reached on the afternoon of June 28 and, by prearrangement among the joint owners, that meant the unit would officially become commercial at 12:01 a.m. the following day."

Leary said the unit had generated more than 820 million kilowatt hours of electricity since it began producing power in January.

"Throughout this period, the testing of the unit has gone very smoothly and we're pleased to see the unit declared commercial without any unexpected delays."

The plant, which is situated on Lake Wylie in York County, S.C., about 19 miles southwest of Charlotte, is a joint venture involving the EMCs, municipalities and Duke Power.

Duke built the facility and will operate it. The firm owns 25 percent of Unit 1, while N. C. EMC owns 56.25 percent. The remaining 18.75 percent is owned by Saluda River Electric Cooperative, which is a group of South Carolina electric co-ops.

Unit 2, which is a twin of Unit 1, is owned by two groups of municipal electric systems. The N. C. Municipal Power Agency No. 1, representing several Tar Heel municipalities, owns 75 percent. The remaining 25 percent is owned by the Piedmont Municipal Power Agency, which represents several South Carolina municipalities.

Unit 2 is slated to go into operation in 1987.

Although Catawba's Unit 1 did not operate until its license was issued in January, the North Carolina EMCs have been tapping their share of the plant since Nov. 1, 1983, through an "exchange" arrangement involving Duke Power's McGuire Nuclear Plant.

That arrangement allowed the co-ops to begin taking their proportionate share of energy from McGuire, which is on Lake Norman 17 miles north of Charlotte, until Catawba became operational.

"Without that option, the EM would have missed about 18 mont of the benefits from the joint ventur which would amount to millions dollars," said Leary.

The EMCs had no generating fac ities of their own prior to triggeri the McGuire "exchange" as part the Catawba project.

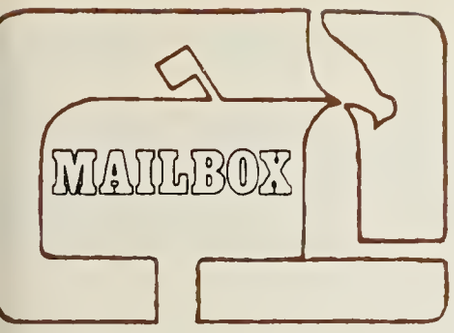
The joint venture plan was esta lished with Duke in 1981 followi five years of negotiations with Du and more than three decades of o and-on efforts by the co-ops to pr vide part of their own energy supply

It also transformed N. C. EMC, t power supply arm of the statewi EMC organization, into a full-fledg generating and transmission operatio

In that role, N. C. EMC is t power supplier for its 27 memb co-ops.

Charges for electricity from t Duke arrangement and for pow from other companies are billed N. C. EMC rather than the individu EMCs. N. C. EMC, in turn, bills t co-ops for the power their consume members use each month.

"As part of that billing process, t cost savings from the Catawba proje are shared equitably by all of t cooperatives across the state," Lea pointed out.



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June Cover Photo: "Rewarding"

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GOD'S CREATURES

State's First "Home-Grown" Vets Launch Animal Practices

Until this year, owners of animals needing medical care in North Carolina relied exclusively on veterinarians trained at out-of-state schools.

But in May, the state's first "home-grown" veterinarians began arriving in communities such as Jacksonville, Providence, Greensboro and Southern Pines, ready to practice small and large animal medicine and surgery.

They were among the 19 men and 18 women of the class of 1985, the first graduating class of the N.C. State University School of Veterinary Medicine.

One graduate was Yanceyville native Mitchell Foster of Ruffin, who returned to Caswell County to join the mostly small animal practice launched by his brother, Andrew, who had earned his degree in veterinary medicine from Auburn University.

Denise Sacks, a native of Charlotte, stayed near Raleigh to practice in Wendell. Karen Kennedy moved from Cary to Guilford County to practice at the Guilford-Jamestown Veterinary Hospital, hoping to pursue a specialty in surgery.

Daniel Allen of Wilmington, who was president of the senior class, has been looking forward to practicing at Raleigh's Quail Corners Veterinary Hospital.

"The most exciting part for me is taking what I've learned in the classroom and using it in a clinical setting," he said.

The new graduates' career pla illustrate the increasing specializatio and sophistication of veterinary me cine. Areas such as opthalmolo cardiology and neurology are speci ties open to veterinarians.

"That means we'll be able to pr vide even better care for animals said Mitchell Foster, who is interest in dermatology, the treatment of sk disorders.

"Skin problems are something y see a lot of in practice," he sa "There are simple ways to treat t symptoms, but finding the cau requires a lot of work." For instan he said, veterinarians may do extensi skin testing to pinpoint the cause o skin allergy and tailor a treatment.

Denise Sacks hopes to pursue "sideline interest" in pet birds, whi she notes "have great personalit and are as affectionate as cats a dogs." Such birds, she said, are b coming increasingly popular wi people who live in apartments a condominiums.

As they fanned out across the sta the new graduates were hardly sever ties to their school.

The new graduates have pledged endow a scholarship and they w join their practicing colleagues relying on the School of Veterina Medicine for referral and consultati

"In practice you need to kn what you can do and when you ne to refer an animal for treatmen Karen Kennedy said. "That's why nice to have the veterinary sch here in the state—I know who to t to and what the resources are."

Some members of the graduat class are planning industry work rat than private practice. For David Riv a native of Mount Airy, that me another year in school.

Rives will complete a one-year av medicine internship and a maste degree in poultry science before j hunting.

"I'd like to work with the poul industry here in North Carolin and get into teaching eventually," said. And with the poultry indus expanding, he expects the field offer him "a pretty good opportunit

EMC ANNUAL MEETINGS CALENDAR

Date	Electric Membership Corporation	Time	Location
Aug.			
16	Pee Dee, Wadesboro	Registration: 7:00 p.m. Business Meeting: 8:00 p.m.	Anson High School Football Stadium, Wadesboro
24	Haywood, Waynesville	Registration: 8:30 a.m. Business Meeting: 10:30 a.m.	Tuscola High School Near Waynesville
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On Lawn Care

Extension Offers Updated Edition of "Best Seller"

An established "best seller" publication of the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service has been updated and revised for distribution as single copies at no charge from county extension offices.

It is *Carolina Lawns*, issued as AG-69. Its 32 pages include information on site and soil preparation; what, when and how to plant; care of established lawns; pest control and other topics.

The authors, who are extension specialists at N.C. State University say no one grass is best for all lawns in the state. Some grasses are best suited to the Coastal Plain, some to the Piedmont and some to the Western region.

Lawn grasses basically are cool-season, thriving in spring and fall but growing less actively in summer; or warm-season, growing best in summer but becoming dormant at first autumn frost and greening up slowly in spring.

A shade-tolerant grass is needed where trees predominate. The best choice where heavy traffic of people and pets is expected is a tough, aggressive, wear-tolerant grass.

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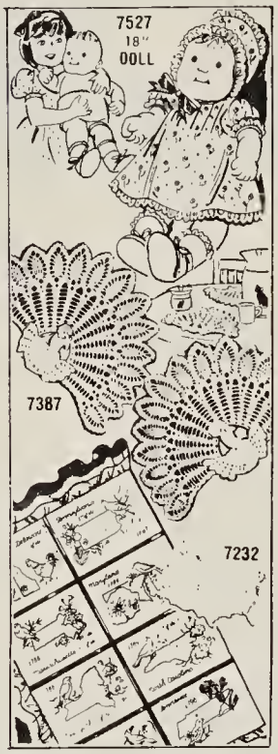
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Lemon Custard Rice Pudding

Submitted by Tammy Denise Leak of Wadesboro

1 cup cooked brown rice
2 egg yolks, beaten
4 tablespoons brown sugar
grated rind & juice of
1 lemon
2 cups milk, scalded
3 tablespoons butter
few grains salt

Meringue:

2 egg whites, beaten
4 tablespoons sugar
2 teaspoons lemon juice

Mix all ingredients together and bake in a greased baking dish at 325 degrees F. until it thickens, about 25 minutes or more.

Beat the whites stiff and add the sugar and lemon juice. Cover with the meringue. Brown about eight minutes in a moderate to hot oven.

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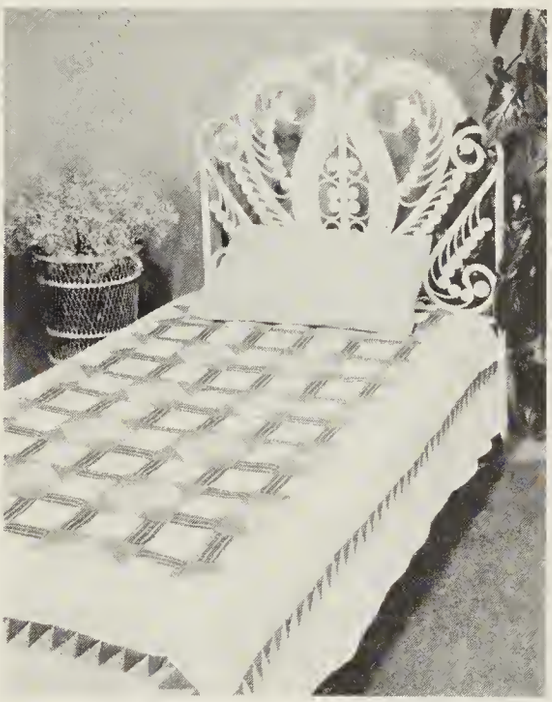
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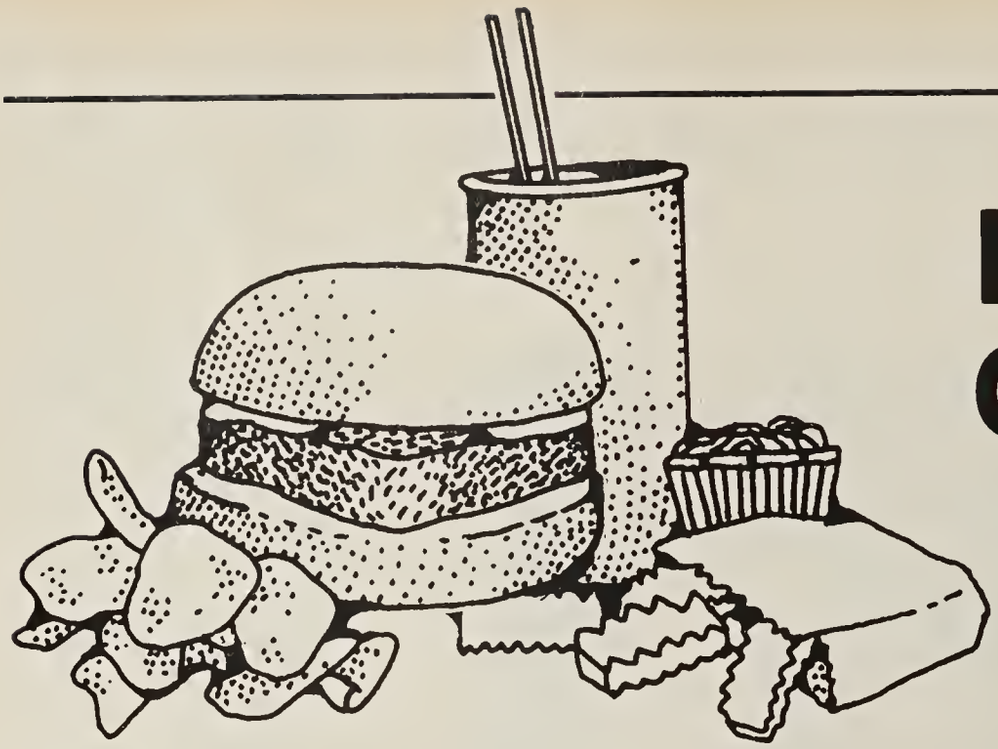
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Chili-Cheese Spread

1 cup (4 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese
½ cup chili sauce

Combine ingredients. Makes about 1 cup.

Cheese-Olive Spread

½ cup sour cream
½ cup shredded brick cheese
¼cup chopped pimiento stuffed olives

Combine ingredients. Makes about 1 cup.

Burger Bonanza

1½ pounds ground beef
½ cup dry bread crumbs
½ cup milk
¼ cup chopped onions
1½ teaspoons salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper
8 hamburger buns

Combine meat, crumbs, milk and seasonings. Mix lightly. Shape into 8 patties. Broil or grill to desired doneness. Spread buns, as desired with your choice of spreads.

Butter-Blue Cheese Spread

½ cup butter
¼ cup crumbled blue cheese
½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

Combine softened butter, blue cheese and Worcestershire sauce. Mix until well blended. Make about ¾ cup.

Dunkin' Dip

1½ cups sour cream
½ cup chili sauce
1 (2 pound) package frozen french fries

Combine sour cream and chili sauce; chill. Serve wi french fries, prepared according to package directio Makes about 2 cups.

Cheese-Relish Spread

2 packages (3 ounces each) cream cheese
¼ cup pickle relish
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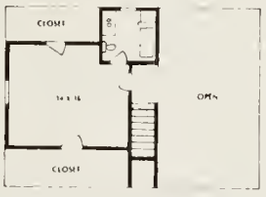
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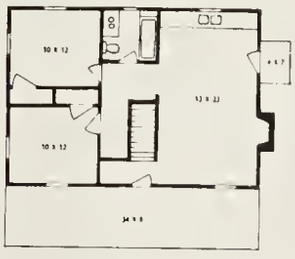
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HANK'S GARDENING GUIDE

August is a lush month. Annuals are at their peak of bloom, accenting the yard and garden with brilliant color. Summer now is turning the corner—and many plants, especially roses, seem to take a new lease on life.

Bed Preparation

Prepare beds this month for September plantings of such as daylilies, bearded iris and other perennials. Madonna lilies and oriental poppies should go in the ground before mid-September.

Propagation

Woody shrubs such as abelia, wax ligustrum, Pfitzer juniper, azaleas and hydrangea can be propagated from cuttings at this time of year. Take tip cuttings from four to six inches long. Remove leaves from lower half of each cutting. Dip cut end in a rooting hormone to hasten root formation.

Place cuttings in a moist rooting medium of sand or a mixture of peat and perlite. Keep the rooting pot or box moist by covering with a plastic bag. You'll want to check the moisture every three or four days.

Plant Pansy Seed Now

To have plants ready to bloom by late fall and during mild periods overwinter, plant pansy seed now. It helps speed germination if you refrigerate seed for several days before sowing in seed flats or pots.

Daylily Proliferations

Those grass-like growths on the flower stalks of daylilies are called *proliferations*. They may be pulled off and rooted in moist sand for more plants.

This is especially helpful if you desire to increase your stock of certain *good* varieties.

Feed Asparagus For Next Year's Crop

Late in August or early in September, you should begin fertilizing your asparagus plants so that roots and crowns can store food for next year's crop.

Apply three pounds of a complete general fertilizer to each 100 square feet of soil surface. Spread fertilizer between rows and cultivate it in. Cease cutting asparagus and let plants grow up and go to seed.

Home Orchard Reminders

1. Remove weeds and grass from around fruit and nut trees or at least keep areas closely mowed.
2. Remove any dropped and rotting fruit from under fruit trees to help control insect and disease problems.
3. Remove suckers and water sprouts from fruit and nut trees so fertilizer and moisture will be channeled into development of next year's fruiting wood.
4. During extended dry spells, be sure to water all trees set out this past season.

Move Peonies If Necessary



Although peonies prefer to grow undisturbed, sometimes we need to relocate ill-placed plants. Now is an ideal time to transplant them. They should be lifted and divided into clumps. Each clump should have three or four eyes (growth buds) if division is necessary.

Crepe Myrtles

Remove faded flowers from crepe myrtles. This encourages a second bloom this fall. By cutting away old flowers, you force dormant flower buds to develop.

Water Requirements Of Plant

During the hot, dry weathe August, it is often important to k which of your plants will tol weather conditions better than ot As water becomes scarce, this fa may mean the difference betwee and death of some plants.

Shallow-rooted plants suc azaleas, camellias, hydrangeas, and dogwoods should top your l watering priority. Soil around plants should not be allowed t out even one time.

Plants with moderate water req ments should be next on the list. group includes junipers, nand pyracanthas and Chinese hollies.

Among the drought-tolerant p that can be placed at the botto the watering priority list are pa grass, lantana, yucca and vitex. are capable of going without for long periods of time withou verse effects.

Second Time Around For Petunias

Petunias are among the easie grow annuals. From late sp through early summer they b profusely in beds, borders and tainers, requiring little care. during hot summer weather, they a tendency to decline in vigo bloom production.

Toward the end of this mont may notice straggly stems a scarcity of leaves and flowers. T when they'll need your atte They need pruning, feeding watering.

Trim plants to reshape them b careful not to cut back into woody growth. Feed with a com fertilizer such as 8-8-8. W thoroughly.

This treatment should rejuv the petunias to produce an abun of blooms until frost.

ll Vegetable Garden

The most important factor in having ccess with a fall vegetable garden is get a good stand of vegetables early ough to have a good harvest before st. The problem most years is lack soil moisture so supplemental irriga- n usually is necessary. To help nserve moisture, apply a mulch of ie straw, compost or some other ganic material.

You'll have a more successful vege- le garden this fall if you follow se suggestions:

- Be ready to plant on time; have d on hand.
- Soak hard-coated seeds overnight ore planting.
- Plant following rain or irrigation.
- Plant seeds thick and deep in a ; press soil firmly over the seeds.
- Thin plants to recommended cing as soon as they are established.
- Mulch to conserve moisture and trol weeds.
- Fertilize lightly but frequently.
- Control diseases and insect pests ecessary.

se Mower Blades

you haven't already done so, lually raise the lawn mower cutting ht to the recommended maximum ht for your particular grass.

he additional grass height will act mulch. This helps to lower the temperature and cut down on ace evaporation.

t Roses

ake cuttings of roses this month use in increasing your number of ts.

lake six- to nine-inch cuttings with arp knife. Remove all but the top or three leaves. Insert all but the two or three inches into well- ared soil located in a spot with l but indirect light.

ater well and firm soil around cutting. Cover each cutting with verted glass jar to keep humidity Water as needed to keep soil t.

ext spring, gradually remove the or longer periods of time each for about three weeks. This pers" the new plant for moving permanent location.

—*Hank Smith*

"Times Past"

"Times Past," the image that was featured on the cover of *Carolina Country's* May issue, is being offered as a signed and numbered limited edition print to mark this year's 50th Anniversary of the rural electrification program.



The original painting was done by Allen Montague of Raleigh under a commission by the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives as part of its anniversary observance.

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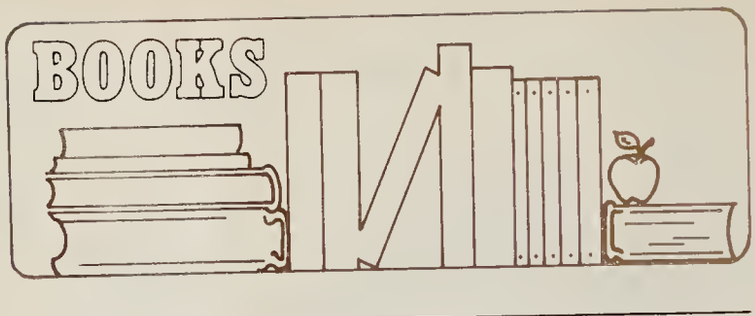
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Raney by Clyde Edgerton, Algonquin Books, 227 pages, $12.95.

Raney is that rare book which is light and fun to read, but also has characters who linger in the imagination long after the book is back on the shelf.

Raney Bell narrates the story of her marriage to Charles Shepherd, assistant librarian at the Listre Community College. They seem an unlikely pair—the daughter of the owner of Hope Road General Store in Bethel, North Carolina, and the son of an Atlanta college professor.

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Charles, she explains to us, doesn't know how to fit in with her family. He can't seem to just sit and visit. He obje to her mother's coming into their house when they are home and says so to Mama's face, thus precipitating the f major quarrel of their marriage. And then there are Charles' peculiar ideas about race, sex and nuclear po plants.

As the story progresses, Raney begins to understand t in a marriage of two different backgrounds some adjustme are bound to be necessary for both partners. She sips a li wine. Charles tastes some fried okra. They learn that sing can smooth the awkwardness of Sunday afternoons with Bells. They even begin to listen to each other.

Raney, which stirred a controversy at Campbell Uni sity—where Edgerton taught—but its satire hardly se virulent enough to have fueled such a fuss. Rather, the b pokes gentle, good-humored fun. And if the lifestyle rural Free Will Baptist is satirized, then so too are the pre sions of the intellectual.

Edgerton, a Durham native, captures the rhythms nuances of Southern English remarkably well. Anyone has sat around a Southern dinner table will immedia recognize the conversation and realize that Edgerton kn and loves the people about whom he writes.

All who have ever lived where two cultures collide, appreciate *Raney*. A very funny novel, it is also the sens portrayal of people who grow when they begin listening new point of view.

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Sending Lawmakers A Signal: Here's Your Hat

The North Carolina General Assembly finally packed up and left Raleigh on July 17, after threatening to do so for several weeks.

As usual, the lawmakers behaved a lot like the dinner guests who get up to leave and then somehow can't find a way to cut off the stand-up conversation at the door.

Maybe the problem is air conditioning.

I know that may seem far-fetched, but hold on just a minute.

David Brinkley, the North Carolina native who's been a national news media superstar for many years, once blamed the miracle of air conditioning for extending the sessions of Congress. Maybe it works the same way for the General Assembly.

Here's what Brinkley said:

"Parkinson's famous law is that work expands to fill whatever time is available for it. Until the late '30s, Congress routinely adjourned for the year in late April or May or early June and went home—partly to escape the heat of Washington summers.

"Then, in 1938, they air conditioned the U. S. Capitol and since then we have had what amounts to a permanent, year-round Congress. Well, with so much time available, everything takes longer they can't get anything done because they have too much time."

Brinkley's solution for this problem might also work for Tar Heel legislators.

"By law, turn off the Capitol's air conditioning on Memorial Day, May 30. The fear of Washington's summer, damp heat, shirts sticking to their back will force them to do their work and get out of town."

An Inspired Idea: The Citizen's Parking Ticket

How many times have you driven into a crowded parking lot to find that someone had parked his car so carelessly that it took up two spaces?

Whenever it happens to me, I always wish I had some sort of citation I could leave on the car's windshield. Others apparently have felt the same way, for a friend recently gave me a copy of a pink "citizen parking violation" ticket that a printer was giving away as a promotional item.

It features boxes where you'd insert the car's make, license number and state and the time your ticket is being issued. Here's what it says:

"This is not a ticket, but if it were within my power, you would receive two. Because of your Bull Headed, inconsiderate, feeble attempt at parking, you have taken enough room for a 20 mule team, two elephants, one goat and a safari of pygmies from the African interior.

"The reason for giving you this is so that in the future you may think of someone else, other than yourself. Besides, I don't like domineering, egotistical or simple minded drivers and you probably fit into one of these categories.

"I sign off wishing you an early transmission failure, (on the expressway at about 4:30 p.m.). Also, may the fleas of a thousand camels infest your armpits."

Periods of Meditation In Schools: A Sensible View

The school prayer issue is a hot topic again following a recent court decision banning periods of meditation in public schools.

I think it's sad that our system of laws can't accomodate so much as a quiet period that students can use fo prayer or simply for a brief time-out amid their busy schedules.

That view is shared by A. C. Snow editor of *The Raleigh Times*, who writes about the issue on occasion in editorials and columns.

In a recent piece, Snow recalled having lunch at a church gathering with Judge William Bobbitt, former chief justice of the N. C. Supreme Court. He asked the judge his opinion on the period-of-meditatio question. The response was one of the most sensible comments I've see or heard on the subject:

"I'm not saying that we have to have prayer as such in the schools. But I do think there is a need for a period each day during which students would be exposed to some uplifting ideas. Nobody has to read the Bible. Nobody has to preach a sermon. Or attempt to convert anyone. Someone could read 'Invictus,' or from some other inspiring document.

"One of society's problems is tha we expect our young people to grow up with high standards and a strong sense of ethics. But if someone doesn't let them know what is ethic and what isn't, how can they know the difference? Many aren't taught the difference at home."

While a student at the university Chapel Hill, Judge Bobbitt voluntarily attended such programs almo every day in Gerrard Hall, one of th old buildings on the campus of the nation's oldest state university.

"I still remember the quotation from Micah 6:8 over the door we walked through: 'He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and wha doth the Lord require of thee, but t do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God?'

"I imagine that's all covered over with ivy by now. And probably a good thing, or somebody would surely want it chiseled off."

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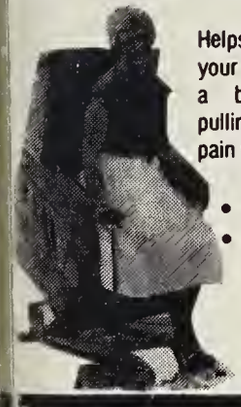
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